

A Publication of News and Events

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop and look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this . . . I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses. ~ Ziggy



NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town Hall every Friday, and items are added as requested (which can be as late as Wednesday morning) and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the Town Clerk at 410.476.3170.

- Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc. are scheduled as needed, and are often held prior to regular meetings shown above

Ordinance 7-2005 "Snack" Ordinance Ordinance 7-2005, amending Section 24.012 of the Zoning Code, was adopted. This zoning amendment removes the limitation in C-2 Zoning for 600 sq. ft. gross area required for the retail sale of snacks. A Public Hearing was held November 2, 2005 and the Ordinance was passed November 2, 2005.

Atlantic Broadband Offers Free Services to Active Military Personnel Atlantic Broadband has notified the Town that they are now offering free high-speed Internet access to members and families of active military personnel. For more information, please contact Atlantic Broadband 800-559-1746.

Street Lights on Kelly Drive, Murray Lane & Diamond Street Delmarva Power will install new street lights at the corners of Kelly/Murray and Kelly/Diamond. The cost will be \$2,315 per installation. This additional lighting is being installed as an improved safety measure in this neighborhood.

Water Utilities Repairs Repairs will be made to the roof of the pumping station at Barber Road and Rt. 50.

Awarding of Snow Removal Contract Bids for Snow Removal were reviewed; Bridges Land Management was awarded the contract for the 2005-2006 season.



Lions Club Sponsors Annual Decorating Contest

The Trappe Lions Club is once again sponsoring a holiday decorating contest. A team of judges will make their decision on Christmas Eve between 7 and 8:30 p.m. Three \$25 gift certificates from George's Green Thumb will be awarded. This contest has been held for approximately 40 years. In the past, prizes were holly trees, many of which have grown tall throughout town. At one time, awards were also made for decorated commercial buildings. Over the years, there have been several houses that have won repeatedly, some winning as many as 8 times. Winners are invited to the Lions Club dinner to receive their awards. For more information, please contact Ed Nelson at 410.476.3127. Meanwhile, what are you waiting for? Start decorating!

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Trappe East Developer's Rights & Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) Consistent w/Comprehensive Plan:

Reviews by the Town Council and Planning Commission affirmed that the Trappe East DRRA agreement, PUD plan and Design Guidelines are in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, Annexation Agreement, and other specific relevant points of interest required by the Town. A Public Workshop for the DRRA was held on October 12th, a Public Hearing was held on October 26th, and a Special Town Meeting was held November 16th. Public comments were received at all meetings. Meetings were also held with the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. The original PUD plan was approved in June 2004. Although there have been minor revisions and refinements to the PUD and Design Guidelines, which have been presented by the developers to both councils, these changes are non-substantive amendments to the original documents. The draft of the DRRA was introduced in September, with the final document expected in December. The Planning Commission passed Resolution 2-2005 as a favorable recommendation to the Town Council for approval of the Trappe East DRRA. At the Special Town Meeting, the Town Council requested that the following changes/requirements be added to the DRRA:

- The existing Town Hall will remain as a municipal building. The developer will acquire land within the Village Redevelopment Sub-Area of downtown suitable for the construction of a 3,000-square-ft. Town Hall building with sufficient parking. The land will be conveyed to the town at groundbreaking and the building will convey within 36 months of groundbreaking
- The developer will make a donation of \$250,000, within 12 months of ground breaking of the Trappe East Project, to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. \$240,000 for construction of an additional bay to the existing firehouse to accommodate a larger fire truck and improved parking, along with a \$10,000 donation towards the necessary modifications to accommodate 24 hour EMT personnel.
- The Town will have the option, but will not be required, to take over the lake and public open space within the Trappe East development, with details to be determined.
- The existing graves on the Trappe East property may be relocated within Talbot County, after receiving approval from the Town Council.
- Wording will be added to include payroll benefits (health insurance, pension plan, etc.) for Police Services.

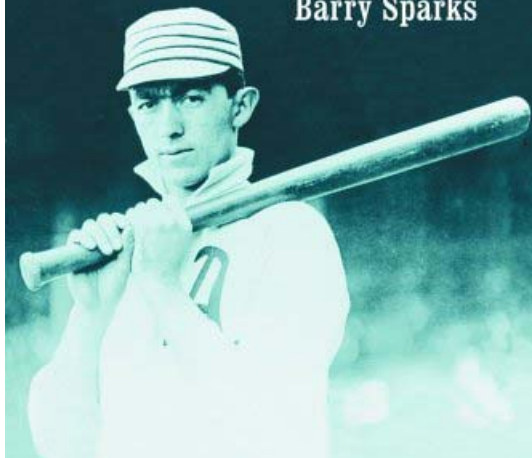
The DRRA is expected to be introduced by the Town Council at the December 7th Town Meeting to begin the process of final acceptance of the document. **The DRRA is available for public review at the Town Office.**



Bob Rauch, Trappe East developer, presents amendments to the project's design.

FRANK "HOME RUN" BAKER

Hall of Famer and World Series Hero
Barry Sparks



ANNOUNCING THE 1ST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST Sponsored by *THE INDEX*



Do you have a great photograph of a favorite scene, event, or person (past or present) in Trappe? If so, be sure to enter it in our Annual Photo Contest. Each month, we will share the entries with our readers. At the end of the year a winner will be announced. Entries may be emailed to trappeindex@verizon.net or dropped off at the Town Office.

December WINNER ~ Entry suggested by Ann Dorbin

NOTE: Journalist Barry Sparks will be on hand on December 10th at the Trappe United Methodist Church Breakfast. Sparks recently published a new book about a legendary Trappe native titled *Frank "Home Run" Baker: Hall of Famer and World Series Hero* (ISBN 0-7864-2381-1, McFarland Publishers, 2006). Sparks will conduct informal discussions about his book and Frank Baker's career. Copies of the book will be available for sale w/personalized inscriptions.

Disclaimer: In submitting a photo entry, you grant *The Index* the right to use the image in Town publications. Winning photographs will be published in *The Index* and may be displayed on Town Web site. Entrants are responsible for obtaining photo-release permission from subjects shown in submitted photographs, including the permission of parents for children under age 18.



Trappe United Methodist Church

Church Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, December 10th**, but NOT on December 24. Barry Sparks, author of a new book, *Frank "Home Run" Baker*, will attend the Dec. 10th breakfast. He will conduct informal talks during the morning and have books on hand for sale.

Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursdays December 1st, 8th & 15th from 5:45-6:30 AND December 11th from 1:00-2:30. The **Youth Christmas Program** is December 18th at 11 a.m.

Youth Christmas Service will be held **Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 a.m.** at Trappe UMC, with youth and adults from Trappe and Scotts U. Methodist Churches. We would like to invite all our neighbors to enjoy the children's Christmas program with us.



The Sewells sing a duet at the 2004 Christmas Service.

A Quiet Time During the Hectic Holidays: Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. The holidays are not always "merry and bright" for everyone. As the days grow shorter and obligations press on us, sometimes we long for a little quiet space, a little time to heal our wearied souls. Some of us need to lay down our sorrows in order to enter into the celebration of the season, even in some small way. Some of us long for peace in a world that seems to know no peace. Trappe UMC invites our neighbors to come for a service of prayers for peace, for healing, and for our neighbors and families. All are welcome to participate, regardless of religious affiliation!

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be held **Saturday, December 24th at 7 p.m.** Patterned after the service introduced at King's College, Cambridge, England, in 1918, with candle-lighting at the end.

Joint Christmas Service will be held **Sunday, December 25 at 10 a.m.** Both Faith Chapel and Trappe UMCs will worship in ONE service at Trappe UMC, with Christmas carols, special music, bell-ringing (bring your own bell) and the retelling of the story of the birth of Christ.

Wednesday Drop-In Bible Study In January, we will resume Wednesday night drop-in Bible study, 7:15-8:30 on Wednesdays except the second week of each month.

Youth Group News. Thank you to all our friends and neighbors who came out to support our Community Spaghetti Dinner. Proceeds of more than \$400 will be used to fund our trip to the Ocean City Youth Rally in January and other youth activities. YOUTH RALLY REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 17th at the absolute latest! Please contact Pastor Cindy Burkert 410 476-3384 for more information.

Youth Group will meet Saturday, December 17th from 7:30 to 9:00 to decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary at Trappe and enjoy Christmas games and refreshments.

Community Christmas Sing-along will be held **Sunday, December 11th at 6 p.m.** The Churches of Trappe invite our neighbors and friends to come to the Fire House on Powell Avenue for a town Christmas sing-along, with accompaniment. All are welcome, no experience necessary . . . just bring your holiday spirit and enjoy an evening of music.

Our 2004 Youth Christmas Service



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM OUR POSTMASTER

The Holiday Season is here and WE CARE about the delivery of your mail. Mail is being processed on automated equipment; to avoid delay or possible return of your mail, please notify the sender of your correct street or P.O. Box.

Remember our Men & Women in Uniform by donating a first class phone card and /or book of stamps.

Please Help Our Friends In The South!!! Because of Hurricane Katrina, we have neighbors in the Gulf Coast area that will be spending the Christmas holiday in a tent or FEMA trailer. Does this sound familiar? Please remember all of the kind and generous people who jumped in to assist us after Hurricane Isabel. We have been in contact with the Post Offices in Gulfport, MS and Slidell, LA. We have two ongoing projects to bring cheer and encouragement to these areas:

1. We are encouraging people who want to help to take our flat rate priority boxes, fill them, bring them back to us and we will tag them for whomever you say they would be appropriate for such as a child 4-6, teenage girl, adult male size large, etc. We will send them to one of these two offices mentioned above and they will hand deliver them to the people in their communities targeting those who are in the tent communities first. The cost of postage to send these boxes will be \$7.70 no matter what you pack in them. For less than the cost of a tank of gas, you can fill and mail a package to someone and brighten his/her holiday. The addition of a note of encouragement from you could truly make the gift even more touching. Please consider doing this. Watch the stack of boxes grow in our lobby!
2. The second project is our, "Let's give them a hand!" Please buy gloves of any size, color or material. They can be work gloves, gloves for play or school. Hang them on our clothesline. When it fills, we will pack them in boxes and ship them for distribution to these areas. Warm many hands and hearts for the holidays!

THANK YOU . . . Trappe had 73 customers participate in our Breast Cancer Awareness Drawing. Paul Moore was the winner of our Breast Cancer Month basket (name drawn by Debbie Simpkins). Thank you!

Thanks also to Joe Davis who donated the picnic table and Ann Dorbin for the plantings at the Post Office side lawn.



Happy Holidays! Daphne A. Garner, Postmaster, 410-476-3478

NEWS FROM MITCHUM'S MARKET

EXPANDED HOURS ~ NEW DINNER MENU HOLIDAY SIDE DISHES TO GO

Main Street & Maple Avenue, Downtown Trappe
Now Open Monday thru Saturday 7:30 A.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
& Sunday 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Mitchum's is now open 7 days a week and is introducing new dinner specials. Specialty items include stuffed manicotti with veal meatballs, seafood lasagna, crab dip, spinach dip, barbecue chicken breasts with homemade macaroni and cheese, tortellini with alfredo sauce, and fresh salads. Homemade soups are perfect to reheat at home. Dress up your holiday festivities with take-home side dishes: stuffing and potato casseroles, string bean dishes, sweet potato sides. Football Sunday items such as chicken wings, shrimp cocktail, and fresh salsa & chips will be available during football season. Owner, Brenda Tighe says, "Our chef, Brad Heck, is fantastic! He makes everything from scratch, using fresh wholesome ingredients." For more information, call 410.476.3330.



GIRL SCOUT NEWS . . .

Stop by our table at the
WMES ORNAMENT WORKSHOP
on December 17, 2005 and make a
card to send to service personnel currently serving overseas.

Happy holidays from the

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay!!!

Trappe's Daisies, Brownies, Juniors & Cadettes.

COOKIE KICK-OFF DANCE January 13, 2006 . . .
Cookie sales begin January 14th. TIME TO EAT UP
ALL OF LAST YEAR'S COOKIES. MAKE ROOM
IN YOUR FREEZER!!!!

For more information, contact Barbara Coleman at
410.476.3128 or barbarajohn@verizon.net.



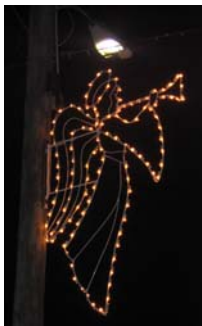
White Marsh Elementary Grandparents Club Sponsors Ornament Workshop

We have just completed a very successful and fun Grandparents Day at White Marsh Elementary School. We had the highest number of grandparents ever. They visited with their grandchildren in their classrooms, had a snack and lunch (Dominos Pizza) with them and had their pictures taken. They even got to go out for recess and watch a rehearsal for the Holiday Program! Thank you to all.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at the school at 10 a.m. The meetings last about an hour and we will be deciding on a fundraiser for the year. All grandparents and grandparent figures are welcome to attend and help with this worthwhile project. Please contact Julie Libby at 410.476.4822 or jlibby@dmv.com for more information.

Our next event will be the WMES
Ornament Workshop December 17
9 am to 12 pm





News from Town Clerk:

- * The Town Office will be **CLOSED** Monday December 26th for Christmas and Monday January 2nd for New Years.
- * Street repairs and resurfacing are to be performed on Maple Avenue and Hennissee Lane as soon as the contractor can do it. Residents living on these streets will be notified in advance so that streets can be cleared of vehicles, etc
- * Thank you to everyone who made donations to purchase Lighted Ornaments this year—this will be our brightest year ever....
- * Winter weather is on its way. Please remember to clear your sidewalk with in 24 hours of snowfall and keep your water meters cleared so we can bill on time.



FOR SALE TRAPPE POTTERY :

All proceeds benefit the Town of Trappe
Christmas Decoration Fund
Beautiful, custom made ceramic pottery
pieces of all kinds ~ Ovenproof, Micro-
wavable, and Dishwasher-safe ~ Many
pieces to choose from ~ including com-
memorative
designs for Town churches

The perfect gift for that hard to shop for
person on your Holiday list...

Photograph © Paragon Light



Doll crib, doll highchair, wooden kitchen items,
and more! These items would make great
Christmas Gifts... *The Town Office is selling
chances on these items handmade by our Assistant
Wastewater Superintendent, Steve Callahan. Tickets
are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the
Town Meeting on **December 7th**.
All proceeds will be used for Christmas Decorations.*
For info please stop by or
call the Town Office 410.476.3170



EDITOR'S TIP:

*Neighbors
and Friends,*

If you are looking for that perfect gift for an Old Fashioned Trappe Christmas, try the Vermont Country Store online for all those little things you remember from the good old days... from 'real' Sugar Plums to the original Mrs. Beasley Doll they sell hard to find candies, toys, soaps, etc. from times gone by... From flannel night shirts to Santa's suspenders, you are bound to find that perfect gift for a loved one...



My personal favorite the "Flannel Sock Monkey Sheets".
You can request a catalogue by calling 802-362-8460
or shop online at www.vermontcountrystore.com.

Happy Holidays to all, Cheryl Lewis



Ronnie
& crew
putting
up the
Christmas
Lights



Inquiring Minds want to
know what is happening in
Trappe and they know The
Index is the place to
find out...



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December 2005



Recipe Corner

A "real" Christmas dinner, the kind they might have eaten in Bethlehem at the time Jesus was born, might consist of a menu of roast lamb, flat bread, and puls—an ancient Roman dish made with chickpeas.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Emmanuel Wesleyan Sunday School 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Fellowship 5:15 pm Eve Service 6 pm Scott's UMC Sunday Service 9 am Oct 16 Men's Revival St Paul's Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am Oct 9—Dedication of Preschool and Lunch Trappe UMC Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am Fellowship 12 pm Faith Chapel Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45	Bible Study Hosted By Drake & Elizabeth 29299 Maple Ave 1 pm Every Tuesday All are welcome!!	School Programs St. Paul's Pre-School 8:45 - 11:45 am Tue, Wed & Thur EHS Guidance Evening Hours Mon 3-6 pm	Scotts United Methodist After-school Program 3:30 pm Mon-Fri White Marsh Elem Homework Club 3:30 pm Mon-Fri	1 Girl Scout Pot Luck Family Gathering Brownie & Jr GS Mtg at WMES 4 pm TUMC Youth Choir now at 5:45 on Thurs AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's	2 SUMC 5 pm - 7 pm Soup Kitchen WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm	3 TVFD Monthly Alert Siren Test EHS SAT Exam 8 am - 11 am
5 SUMC Sunday School Christmas Program and Christmas Dinner on Sunday Dec 4th at 3:30 pm	6 SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study TUMC Bible Study Every Tuesday Invitation/Old Test 7 pm EHS 7 pm Band Boosters Mtg	7 Trappe Town Council Meeting At 7:30 pm Raffle Drawing WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm	8 7:30 am EMS Parent Coffee AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's WMES 7 pm Winter Program	9 SUMC 5 pm - 7 pm Soup Kitchen WMES Drop-in Basketball 6:15 pm	10 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale & Baker Book Signing	17 WMES 9 am Ornament Workshop TUMC 7:30 pm 4th Sat Youth Group EHS "Done to Death" 7pm @ Historical Society
Sunday Dec 11th Community Christmas Caroling ~ Trappe Fire House 6 pm	12 EHS SOS 7 pm EHS 7:30 pm Choral Concert	13 WMES 10 am Grandparents Club Mtg Daisy GS Mtg WMES 6:30 pm TVFD Meeting 7:30 pm	14 TCPS Interim Report cards out Lions Club 6:30 pm MidShore Rep Wmn 7 pm Unit Meth Women 7 pm TCPS Brd Mtg EHS 7pm	15 Brownie & Jr GS Mtg at WMES 4 pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's EHS Holiday Band Concert 7:30 pm	16 SUMC 5 pm - 7 pm Soup Kitchen WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm EHS "Done to Death" 7pm @ Historical Society	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Holiday Services Trappe United Methodist Candlelight Service 7 pm Trappe Wesleyan ~ 7 pm St. Paul's ~ 7:30 p.m.
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY HANUKKAH begins Trappe United Methodist / Faith Chapel Joint Services at TUMC ~10 am	26 Town Office Closed	27 TCP Schools Closed For Holidays Thru January 2nd Talbot County Council Meetings Are held on Tuesdays - Times and Agendas Can be found on the Web - www.talbgov.org	28 Lions Club 6:30 pm	Trappe Index SUBMISSION DEADLINE December 22 2005 Trappeindex@verizon.net or 410-476-3910	30 Local Church/Bible Study/Programs Trappe United Methodist Church Tuesday 7 pm Evening Bible Study Wednesday Martha's Closet Yard Sale Open 8:30 am - Noon Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion Wednesday 7:15 pm Evening Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday: 5:45 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Adult Choir practice Scotts United Methodist Church Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.	



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be on December 11, 2005 at the Trappe Fire House at 6:00 p.m. Santa will ride through Trappe on the Fire Truck from 6:30 to 8:00 while we sing. Then we will return to the fire house around 8:00 to go inside for hot chocolate & cookies. Children can get their pictures taken with Santa. Any questions call Lou Diefenderfer 410 476-3882. Thanks!

Thinking about Christmas???

Longaberger Basket lottery tickets make a great stocking stuffer or something small for that secret pal at work. The basket lottery will be held the whole month of January 2006. A basket will be given away every day of the month. Each day's winning ticket will be based on the evening lottery drawing for that day. Tickets \$5.00 each. Contact Tammy Quidas at 410-820-2979 or Kari Diefenderfer at 410-476-3882 with any questions.

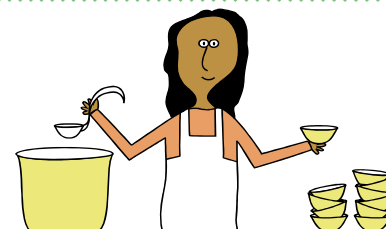


Letters to the Editor . . .

Our Tuesday Bible Study continues weekly at 1:00 p.m.. All are welcome, of course. Thank you for continuing to publicize this. **Elizabeth & Drake Ferguson, 29299 Maple Ave**

My family and I thank all the people of the Town of Trappe for the kind words and prayers you offered during this difficult time. **Frank Hall, Town Planner**

Ed. Note: The Town of Trappe extends its condolences to Frank on the loss of his father and to the Quidas' family on their recent loss.



Scott's UMC Soup Kitchen will be CLOSED during the Christmas and New Year Holidays, and will resume on the first Friday in January (6th).